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► Halifax Mooseheads goalie Zach Fucale makes a pad save on Baie-Comeau Drakkar left winger Raphael Bussieres during Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Moose snapped a two-game losing streak by knocking off the Drakkar, 3-1. See story on page 30.

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School plan under fire

► Review implemented to help with the overcrowding at Bedford area schools



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Boundary plan

A potentially revised boundary plan should land in front of the Halifax Regional School Board in March.

Nearly 300 concerned and outspoken parents packed a Bedford gymnasium on Thursday night to express concerns for the proposed new school boundaries for the area.

Members of the boundary review committee presented their findings at a meeting at Basinview Drive Community School, which was followed by speakers.

Kelly Johnstone's son was to start primary at Waverley Road School, but he would now go to Basinview under the new boundaries. The committee has only said Waverley Road school will become a "site," but house no students.

"It's a little unethical the way it is happening because there's an official way to close a school and this is not it," said Johnstone, drawing cheers and applause. "You're effectively going to close a school by reverting all the children."

The new boundaries would also see elementary students living in

the Glen Arbour subdivision be sent from Hammonds Plains Consolidated School to Kingswood Elementary School.

That didn't sit well with many, who painted the picture of driving by nearby HPCS each morning, often battling traffic on the Hammonds Plains Road.

Others noted possible overcrowding at Basinview's after school program, which could absorb students from Waverley Road and Sunnyside Elementary School, leaving some parents scrambling to find a place for their child to go after the final bell rings.

Many of the 30-odd speakers asserted concerns for the lack of transparency during the review process, calling it "rushed" and "not fair."

Mooseheads back to winning ways

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Daughter charged in death

► Vanessa Burgess has no prior convictions ► Her father critically injured after a fall down stairs



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Last year's homicide rate keeps climbing.

It was a record at 17, and on Thursday Halifax RCMP added one more to the tally. Vanessa Lynn Marie Burgess, 28, was charged with manslaughter in the death of her 64-year-old father, David Burgess.

It stems back to an incident in Brookside on July 20, 2011. David suffered critical injuries after a fall down a flight of stairs. He was admitted to hospital in Halifax the next day and died a week later.

Vanessa was arrested and charged with aggravated assault in July, but those charges were withdrawn on Wednesday after she was arrested at 11 a.m. in Fairview.

Const. Tammy Lobb, RCMP spokeswoman, said it took six months to change the charge from

aggravated assault to manslaughter because she said these investigations take time.

"Before we lay that charge, we would want to make sure we have everything in place prior to doing so," she said.

Typically, when investigators are dealing with a homicide, the information is released immediately to the public. In this case, the details were first made public on Thursday.

"Initially, police were investigating an assault between two people who were known to each other and typically we don't release that information," Lobb said.

"They knew throughout that point in the investigation that public safety was n't an issue."

According to Vanessa's Facebook page, she graduated from NSCC Akerley campus last year. She also graduated from Sir John A. Macdonald High School in 2001.

Accused appears nervous in court

Wearing a bulky hooded sweater and sweatpants, Vanessa Burgess ducked her head away from media cameras as she was

escorted into a Halifax provincial courtroom on Thursday.

Her court appearance lasted less than two minutes, but Burgess looked anxious, biting her lip.

She was arraigned on the manslaughter charge and remanded into custody until her next court date on Tuesday at 10 a.m. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN



► Vanessa Burgess is escorted into a courtroom at Halifax Provincial Court, Thursday.

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Emera, Nalcor work out Muskrat Falls

- Negotiations ongoing for \$6.2-B hydroelectric project
- Two CEOs in Newfoundland for joint announcement



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Emera CEO Chris Huskison is heading to Newfoundland and Labrador to provide an update on negotiations for the Muskrat Falls project.

Huskison will join Nalcor CEO Ed Martin for a press conference in St. John's on Friday morning to outline where the two utilities are in negotiations on the \$6.2-billion hydroelectric project.

Emera and Nalcor have spent the last 14 months trying to work out the minutia of a term sheet signed in November 2010 to much fanfare. The utilities originally expected to complete the negotiations within a year, but that deadline was extended to the end of January.

But Huskison would not



► Premier Darrell Dexter

say if a deal is in place on Thursday. "We'll have something to say on that tomorrow," Huskison told reporters after speaking to the Offshore/Onshore Technologies Association of Nova Scotia.

"The term sheet for the agreement was something like a 30-page document. There are tens of agreements to actually be put in place in order to finish all the definitive agreements necessary to do that deal."

Analysis

Following a cabinet meeting on Thursday, Premier Darrell Dexter said the province didn't have to do a cost-benefit analysis for the Muskrat Falls project because Newfoundland and Labrador has already completed one.

Lower Churchill's potential figured prominently in Huskison's speech to OTANS, calling Muskrat Falls "phase one" of a larger hydroelectric project.

Under the term sheet signed in 2010, Emera will pay the full cost of a \$1.2-billion subsea cable running from Newfoundland to Cape Breton. The company will receive 170 megawatts of power from Muskrat Falls for 35 years — about 10 per cent of Nova Scotia's energy needs.

Stanfield leads Atlantic Canada air traffic

The Halifax Stanfield International Airport recorded its busiest year ever last

year. Officials say the airport welcomed 3.6 million passengers in 2011, an increase of 2.5 per cent over 2010. These figures show the airport handled more than half of all air passengers in Atlantic Canada last

year. Air traffic to other parts of Canada, the U.S. and international destinations also rose last year. The airport is served by 18 passenger airlines flying to 43 year-round and seasonal destinations. ●METRO

In. Honour



► Gov. Gen. David Johnston presents the medal of Military Valour to Pte. Philip Millar of Lower Sackville during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Thursday.

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Private to Corporal with a medal

Pte. Philip Millar is one seven members of the Canadian Forces to receive the medals. He has since been promoted to Corporal.

New leader for Africville Heritage

The Africville Heritage Trust has a new leader.

Sunday Miller, an African-Canadian from Nova Scotia, is the new executive director.

Miller, who holds a master's in business administration, has led not-for-profit organizations such as the Black Educators Association, AdSum House and the Dartmouth Learning Network. "This is not just a

project to create a museum and an interpretive centre," said Miller in a release. "This is a spiritual journey toward healing and the creation of a vibrant black community."

Carole Nixon, a Caucasian woman from outside the province, held the position until last September. Nixon's hiring sparked controversy as community members argued she did

Africville duties

► Some of Sunday Miller's first duties will include supporting fundraising for the Africville Interpretive Centre and guiding the startup of operations for the Church Museum.

not adequately represent Halifax's African-Nova Scotian population. ●METRO

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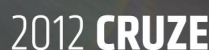
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A trip to the rainforest — on Summer Street

► New exhibition at Museum of Natural History runs through April 22 ► Showcases 10 live animal habitats



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It doesn't take Ben Stiller or movie magic to make a museum come alive.

Monkeys, snakes, frogs and lizards are moving into the Museum of Natural History for the next three months as part of an exhibition called Under the Canopy: Animals of the Rainforest, produced by frequent contributor Little Ray's Reptile Zoo.

Each of the animals has its own special features and talents for living in the rainforest, said Paul (Little Ray) Goulet.

"We have a chameleon here," he said, as an example. "They have a prehensile tail for hanging on to trees, hands that are excellent for holding on to



► These marmosets are at the Museum of Natural History.

branches and a super-long sticky tongue for grabbing insects out of the air."

It's the first time the exhibition has been seen outside of Little Ray's Zoo in Ottawa. Besides the animals themselves, the show is littered with information about rainforests around the world.

"Going back 50 years,

90 The museum's longtime resident Gus the gopher tortoise turns 90 this year and staff is planning a big party for the old guy.

about 14 per cent of the world was covered in rainforest, and now you're down to six or seven per cent. The rate of deforestation is 8,300 hectares an hour," he said.

March break is an important time of year for the museum and curators always try to bring in a temporary exhibition not directly tied to Nova Scotia, such as last year's A T. Rex Named Sue, said Jeff Gray, museum spokesman.

"It's a chance to show animals that people don't get a chance to see," he said.



► A three-year-old male common marmoset shrieks as he gets his photo taken at the Museum of Natural History on Thursday. The marmosets and other animals are on display in the exhibition Life Under the Canopy: Animals of the Rainforest.

Another Friday, another storm for HRM

Is it déjà vu?

Environment Canada is calling for another messy Friday in HRM, which, no doubt, will mean another sloppy and chaotic drive home from work.

Tracey Talbot, a meteorologist with Environment Canada, said late Thursday that snow is forecast to begin in the mid- to late-morning and will change over to ice pellets and possible freezing rain by late afternoon.

"We're looking at probably some hazardous driving conditions for the drive home," she said, adding that Halifax is expecting five to 10 centimetres of snow and ice pellets.

Talbot said everything should change over to rain by the evening, with as much as 30 millimetres expected.

The storm will again put HRM's snow-clearing team to the test.

Social media was buzzing with a hue and cry after last week's less-than-prompt cleanup. Even Mayor Peter Kelly, in an interview with Metro, agreed the service was poor.

Talbot said a low-pressure system that was over the Ohio Valley area on Thursday is tracking up toward New Brunswick and bringing the winter weather along with it.

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► Friday's dump shouldn't be quite as bad as this storm last year, Environment Canada says.

60 Winds of 60 kilometres an hour are expected along with snow, ice pellets and freezing rain, government meteorologists predict.

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No battle with feds needed: Landry



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Nova Scotia's justice minister says it's premature to "have a battle" with the federal government over the cost of new crime legislation.

On Thursday, Ross Landry said Nova Scotia would prefer to wait a year to measure the impacts of Bill C-10, an omnibus crime bill passed by the Conservatives in December.

"We're better off to

track what impacts and increases that may occur, and if there's adverse effects to our overall bottom line ... then it's better to go back to the federal government and [say] this is the impact," he said in a phone interview.

When asked if he was concerned the federal government would simply stick the province with the bill, Landry stressed the need for good-faith bargaining.

Landry was speaking at the conclusion of a two-day meeting between

Bill C-10

Nova Scotia has yet to examine the potential cost of Bill C-10 — and will not, until the legislation is implemented.

provincial and territorial justice ministers and their federal counterpart, Rob Nicholson, in Charlottetown. Some provinces have been vocal in their position that the federal government should foot the bill for any increased

pressure on their justice system.

Ontario estimates the federal legislation will cost the province \$1 billion, while Quebec foresees an additional \$500 million in costs.

On Thursday, Nicholson told reporters the federal government "doesn't have a \$1-billion cheque for Ontario." He also noted Ottawa has committed to increasing transfer payments to the provinces by \$2.4 billion.

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Police seek Sunnyside Mall robbery suspect

Halifax police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man in connection with a robbery at a business in Bedford's Sunnyside Mall on Thursday afternoon.

Police say a man with a gun robbed the Running Room just before 1:30 p.m. He entered the store, produced the gun and then fled with cash.

A staff member was assaulted in the robbery as well, police say.

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► An image of the suspect from police.

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Lewd act seen in car

Police are looking for a man accused of masturbating in a car in Halifax on Wednesday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police say just before 2 p.m., there was a report of an indecent act taking place in the area of Queen and Kent streets.

Witnesses told police a man in a beige Toyota Corolla could be seen

masturbating.

A short time later, police say they stopped a vehicle matching the description and spoke to the driver, but there wasn't enough information to lay charges at the time.

Police say the investigation is ongoing.

"We believe the vehicle we stopped was the vehicle in question," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter.

"Now we are trying to determine if there is enough information to lay charges."

● PHILIP CROUCHER

Man faces drug charges

Halifax police say a 47-year-old man is facing drug trafficking charges following a traffic stop in Dartmouth on Wednesday night.

Police say they pulled

over a vehicle believed to be involved in the drug trade on Windmill Road just after 11:30 p.m. The vehicle was then searched and police say they found crack cocaine, cannabis resin and marijuana.

Christopher James Charter is facing three counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking.

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Isn't technology grand?

► HRM residents working more, thanks in part to the digital age: Survey

BY THE NUMBERS

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Folks in HRM say they are working harder every day, and technology has a lot to do with it.

According to a recent survey, 36 per cent of HRM residents say they work more than 40 hours per week and just over 60 per cent work more hours now than three years ago.

Despite the heavy workload, 81 per cent enjoy their workplace environment and 72 per cent feel they have good relation-

Polling

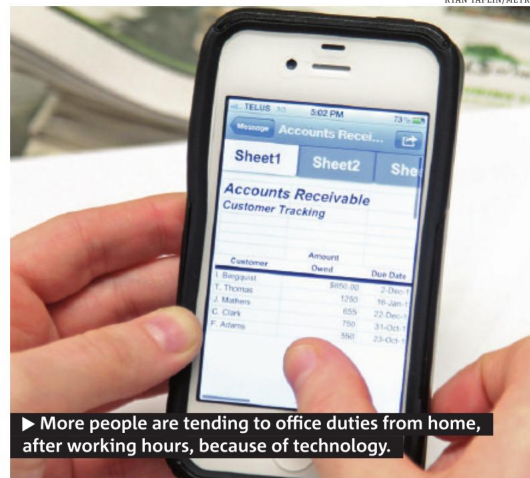
► A total of 428 HRM residents were surveyed, with the poll carrying a margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 per cent.

ships with their boss.

We are pointing the finger at technology as the main reason we are spending more time "on the job," though.

Almost 25 per cent of HRM residents have a work-related laptop and take it home with them most evenings. Another 28 per cent are using a wireless device or cellphone for work reasons after normal business hours, and an even larger group — just over 30 per cent — say they are expected to be available after normal business hours on these various devices.

But we seem to be ac-



► More people are tending to office duties from home, after working hours, because of technology.

commodating the changing workplace, with 55 per cent rating our satisfaction with the hours we work as very high. Another 51 per cent appreciate the flexibility technology gives them in doing their jobs, but 39 per

cent say that the same technology is invading their personal lives.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for



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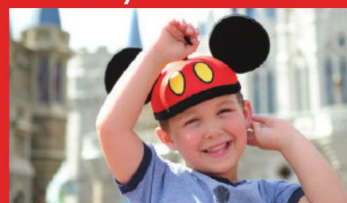
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Deaths 'not an accident': Crown

► Crown delivers closing arguments in Shafia family trial ► Security issue spurs delay earlier in the day

The evidence against three people accused of killing half their family over honour is "irrefutable," a Crown attorney told the jury in the case in closing arguments that lasted well into the evening after a bomb threat delayed proceedings earlier Thursday.

Crown attorney Laurie Lacelle told the jury hearing the Shafia family murder trial that Mohammad Shafia, 58, his wife Tooba Yahya, 42, and their son Hamed, 21, were each responsible for planning and carrying out four murders, executed to get rid of family members causing them dishonour.

"Shafia, Tooba and Hamed had decided that there was a diseased limb on their family tree," she said. "Their decision was to trim the diseased limb and prune the tree back to the good wood."

She urged the jury to find all three guilty in what the Crown has alleged is a quadruple ho-

Deliberations

► The verdict was expected to be in the jury's hands Friday afternoon or early evening.

nour killing of Shafia's three daughters and his other polygamous wife.

"You know this was not an accident — it was murder," Lacelle said at the end of her lengthy address. "They did what they each believed had to be done. Now it's your turn. Find them all guilty as charged. There is no other way."

The courthouse in which the Shafia trial is taking place was evacuated just before court was about to start Thursday morning. While police would only say there was a "security concern." A source told The Canadian Press the reason for the evacuation was a bomb threat.

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► Police guard the rear entrance to the Frontenac County courthouse after a bomb threat was received in Kingston, Ont., on Thursday.

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Digging up a mystery

A time capsule unearthed during renovations at Toronto's famed Maple Leaf Gardens spilled its secrets Thursday, revealing hockey paraphernalia, news from

the Dirty '30s and a tiny ivory elephant.

While some of the capsule's contents relate to the time it was buried, there was little to explain the mysterious elephant. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Elephant

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Plane-crash survivor speaks out

The lone survivor of a deadly plane crash in northern Ontario says he tried in vain to pull fellow passengers from the wreckage and snuff the fire that eventually destroyed the small aircraft.

Brian Shead says the Jan. 10 crash near the tiny native community of North Spirit Lake happened in a flash. The Winnipeg-based administrator for First Nations escaped with a crushed foot and fa-

cial injuries, but the pilot and the three other passengers died.

As the sole survivor, the father of three small children is haunted by guilt and dozens of unanswered questions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

► The wreckage from the plane crash.



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New Libyan rulers accused of torture

► Canada urged to pressure Libya on new detainee torture reports

The new leaders of Libya, helped to power by an air war waged by Canada and its major allies, were denounced as torturers Thursday by major international groups.

The Canadian leader of Amnesty International called on the Harper government to use its influence with Libya's new transitional government to end the abuse of prisoners, documented by the organization in a new report.

Doctors Without Borders said it was suspending work in Libyan prisons because of rampant torture of detainees. The group said it was pulling out of the city

New leadership

- Canada has stood firm behind Libya's new transitional leadership both before and after Moammar Gadhafi was driven from power last year.
- Amnesty International said the torture is being carried out by "officially recognized military and security entities" as well as the many armed militias still active in the country.

of Misrata because some detainees were brought for care only to make them fit for further interrogation.

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Buildings. Collapse



► Rescue workers stand next to the area where three buildings collapsed in Rio de Janeiro, Thursday.

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6 dead, 16 missing in Rio

A 20-storey building collapsed in Rio Wednesday evening, causing the collapse of two other smaller ones. At press time, rescuers had pulled six bodies from the rubble and 16 people were still missing.

Suspects detained in implant scandal

Police in pre-dawn sweeps Thursday arrested two top former executives of the now-defunct French company at the centre of a breast-implant scandal affecting tens of thousands of women worldwide.

Jean-Claude Mas, who founded and ran implant-maker Poly Implant Prothese (PIP), was detained as part of a judicial probe in the southeastern city of Marseille into manslaughter and involuntary injuries, an official said. A regional official said former



► Jean-Claude Mas

No. 2 executive Claude Couty also was detained.

The suspect PIP implants are made with industrial-grade silicone instead of medical-grade gel.

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'Joke' leads to terror charges

Prosecutors charged a FedEx driver with threat of terrorism over allegations

he joked that a package he was delivering to a U.S. army base was likely a bomb. Military police evacuated 215 people.

Charges filed Wednesday in Utah show the deliveryman was dropping off a package Sept. 20 at Camp Williams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aussie PM escorted past 200 protesters

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard stumbled and was caught by a security guard as riot police helped her force a path through a crowd of rowdy protesters following a ceremony to mark Australia's national day Thursday.

Some 200 supporters of indigenous rights had surrounded a Canberra restaurant and banged its windows while Gillard and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott were inside officiating at an awards ceremony.

Around 50 police escort-



► Australia's Prime Minister Julia Gillard in Canberra, Australia, Thursday.

ed the political leaders from a side door to a car.

The protesters had been demonstrating for indigenous rights nearby at the so-called Aboriginal Tent Embassy, which is the centre of protests against Australia Day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australia Day

► Australia Day marks the arrival of the first fleet of British colonists in Sydney on Jan. 26, 1788.

► Many Aborigines call it Invasion Day because the land was settled without a treaty with traditional owners.

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No coddling at Facebook

► What it's really like to work for company founder Mark Zuckerberg

Mark Zuckerberg's former director of engineering says the Facebook CEO is not a pain in the ass to work with, but don't expect "emotional coddling."

Yishan Wong is giving the world a glimpse of the social-networking boy wonder on the question-and-answer website Quora, for which Wong is an advisor.

Wong worked at Facebook from 2005 to 2010, for much of that time in management roles when the company exploded into a major corporation from a small startup.

"He's a demanding CEO with a monomaniacal focus on making Facebook succeed in its mission," Wong wrote.

"He's a perfectly nice guy on a personal level; it's just that professionally, he

is focused on getting it done and has a limited tolerance for emotional fragility in the people he needs to help him execute on that mission."

Great business leaders tend to have "a significant body count of ex-employees claiming that they were autocratic and mean," Wong pointed out.

Zuckerberg gives employees "ever-greater challenges to surmount," he said, which should be fine for an employee who is confident and emotionally secure.

If you're looking for a boss to develop you or who gives you confirmation or even acknowledgement of your opinions, Zuckerberg's not the guy for you, said Wong.

"He does have a touch



► Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is seen here during a private trip to Ha Long Bay, Vietnam, on Dec. 25, 2011.

of Asperger's," said Wong, referring to the disorder that robs people of social skills that he said accounts for Zuckerberg appearing

to ignore people when they're talking.

"I would characterize him as tough but fair."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Facebook addicts get help at 'rehab'

A pair of entrepreneurs has created an online tool to target Facebook addicts, called FaceAnonymous.

"The first thing most young people do when they log in to a computer is to type an F," says Dan Penguin, co-founder of FaceAnonymous, the first "Facebook rehab."

Penguin and friend Siavosh Arasteh set up a website spreadsheet where people worldwide can record every time they logged in to Facebook.

Curt Dalton, CEO of Internet Time Machine, a company that analyzes web search words, says "Facebook" is the fastest growing addiction search



after "gaming," and it is trending higher.

"The first step to fix an addiction is to become aware of the problem," Siavosh told Metro.

But Internet psychologist Graham Jones emphasizes that as Facebook addiction is so new, treatment is only experimental at this stage.

● KARIN WASTESON IN LONDON

10% A recent study from China published in Plos One found 10 per cent of Internet users suffer from Internet Addiction Disorder, a recently acknowledged condition that disrupts brain-nerve fibres responsible for emotions, decision-making and self-control. Its effects can be as damaging to young people as alcohol or cannabis.

Treaty signing sparks more protest in Poland

Poland on Thursday signed an international copyright agreement that has sparked days of protests by Internet users who fear it will lead to online censorship.

Poland's ambassador to Japan, Jadwiga Rodowicz-Czechowska, signed the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, or ACTA, in Tokyo, she told the all-news station TVN24.

Later in the day, hundreds of people took to the

streets of the eastern city of Lublin to express their anger over the treaty.

ACTA is a far-reaching agreement that aims to harmonize international standards on protecting the rights of those who produce music, movies, pharmaceuticals, fashion and a range of other products that often fall victim to intellectual property theft.

It shares some similarities with the hotly debated



► The leftist Palikot's Movement protest against ACTA during a parliament session in Warsaw, Poland, Thursday.

Stop Online Piracy Act in the U.S., which was shelved by lawmakers last week after Wikipedia and Google blacked out or partially obscured their websites for a day in protest.

Poland was one of several European Union countries to sign ACTA Thursday, but it appeared to be the only place where support for the agreement has caused outrage and protests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retaliation

► Poland's support for ACTA sparked attacks on Polish government websites by a group calling itself "Anonymous," which left them unreachable for days.

► Thousands of people took to the streets in past days across Poland to voice their outrage over ACTA.

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- For decades they were considered more than weird: A Christian sect that practised polygamy
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ELISABETH BRAW METRO WORLD NEWS

Mormonism's leap of faith

"My being Mormon is not a deal-breaker for people anymore. It's like being a vegetarian."

KAREN SORENSON

Karen Sorenson, 29, is a public relations executive in Los Angeles. She's also a Mormon, one of the fast-growing denomination's 14-million members.

"Where I was grew up (in San Diego) there weren't many Mormons," she tells Metro. "Kids in school would ask me questions like, 'How many moms do you have?' I had no idea why they'd ask such a thing until I realized that many people be-

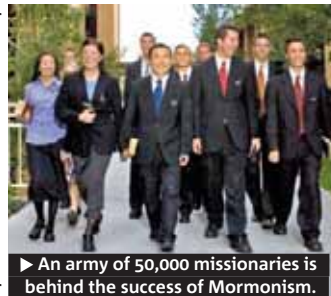
lieved Mormons still practise polygamy."

Now, says Sorenson, things are very different. "I don't get questions about polygamy anymore. When people hear that I don't drink or smoke because I'm a Mormon, their reaction is usually, 'Wow, I could never do that.' My being a Mormon isn't a deal-breaker for them. It's like being a vegetarian."

Mormons are officially known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day

Saints. Only half of Americans consider Mormonism a Christian religion, and some Evangelicals call it a cult. But according to a new survey by Pew, 63 per cent of Mormons say that acceptance is rising.

"In the academic environment of Boston, there's very little direct bias against us," says Patrick Turley, a 26-year-old PhD student at



► An army of 50,000 missionaries is behind the success of Mormonism.

Harvard. "Sometimes people attribute beliefs to me that aren't true, but usual-

ly a short conversation clears it up."

"Romney has made us feel more mainstream," says Derek Morton, a 30-year-old realtor in Utah. As a teenager, Morton rebelled against his faith. "I felt like, 'I want to order beer, too,'" he says. "But now I feel that giving up things like alcohol has given me more freedom. I don't have to worry about going to jail for drunk driving."

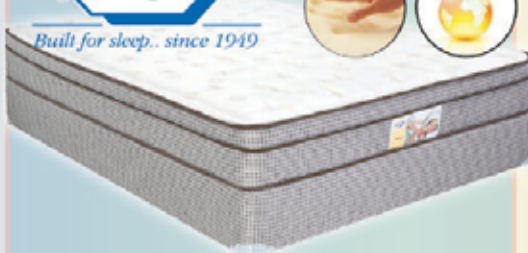
Fifteen members of the

United States Congress are Mormons. So are many business leaders, including Credit Suisse CEO Eric Varvel and JetBlue founder David Neeleman.

Behind the success: An army of more than 50,000 young Mormons who spend two years preaching their faith around the world, under often challenging circumstances. Even outsiders credit the Mormon missionary program. BusinessWeek calls it "God's MBA."

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Everybody talks about Mitt Romney's faith — except Romney himself. Why?

He clearly knows that there's resistance to a Mormon candidate.

How important is faith in this election?

Not as important as usual. The economy is still the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 issue.

And the criticism of Romney's wealth?

Making a lot of money has never been a sin in American politics, but in this election it's a bit of an issue.

● ELISABETH BRAW

Polygamy

Last year, Warren Jeffs was sentenced to life in prison for sexually as-

saulting young girls and fathering a child with one of them. Jeffs led the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a 10,000-

member sect that broke away from the official Mormon church a century ago. Polygamy remains the practice most people associate with

Mormonism. The church's founder, Joseph Smith, advocated having multiple wives, but the official church banned the practice 120 years

ago. Even so, breakaway sects still advocate polygamy — and it's juicy material for TV like HBO's Big Love.

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► Electro-Motive workers picket a Caterpillar equipment dealership in London, Ont., on Thursday.

Caterpillar protest goes national

► Company trying to ensure 'facility is competitive,' spokesperson says



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METRO CANADA IN LONDON, ONT.

As Caterpillar reported record financial results Thursday morning, Cana-

an Auto Workers across the country launched informational pickets to support the company's locked-out London employees.

Toromont — a CAT dealer with offices on Enterprise Drive in London, Ont.

— was among the places union workers picked to hand out flyers. The scene was similar at dealers in about a dozen other cities spread across seven provinces, said Bob Scott, chairman of the CAW unit at Electro-Motive Diesel.

Caterpillar's firm financial footing hardly came as a surprise, Scott said. Most workers expected the company to make big profits.

"It was just how much it was actually going to be," he said.

Caterpillar spokesman Jim Dugan declined a request for financial data specific to the company's locomotive plant in London.

"We report sales and revenue at a much, much higher level," he said. "We don't report (on) even a country-by-country basis much less at a facility level."

Dugan did say the plant isn't "competitive in terms of its overall costs," including labour.

The contract offer that Electro-Motive workers rejected last month stemmed directly from that, he said. Union representatives have said it included deep wage cuts and other concessions.

"When they purchased the facility (in 2010) they knew what the contract was," Scott said. "That plant has always made money."



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Profits up, but cuts continue at CP Rail

Canadian Pacific Railway, under fire from a dissident investor who wants major changes at the company, said Thursday it remains focused on cutting costs.

"We ... will continue to take costs out of the system while maintaining and improving service levels across our network," CP president and chief executive Fred Green said.

The Calgary-based railway earned \$221 million, or

\$1.30 per share for the quarter ended Dec. 31, compared with a profit of \$186 million a year ago, or \$1.09 per share.

Canadian Pacific has been under fire from William Ackman and his firm Pershing Square Capital, the railway's largest shareholder, who is pushing for new members on the railway's board of directors and a new chief executive. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Ottawa rethinks securities regulator

The federal government announced Thursday that it will head back to the drawing board following a court verdict that scuttled its original plans for a national securities regulator.

Ottawa still hopes to create a national body in collaboration with the provinces that would play a role in monitoring long-term risks to financial markets.

"I hope ... we can make an arrangement with the provinces to proceed with a Canadian securities regulator," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said at the Davos economic summit.

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Harper signals change

► Prime minister's speech in Davos hints at reforms for pensions, research and immigration ► Canada 'model of confidence,' Harper says

Ottawa will transform the country's pension system to curtail government costs, but details won't come until the budget, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

In a major speech at the World Economic Forum, Harper also signalled looming reforms in immigration as well as research and development — all in the name of ensuring Canada's economy is on a strong footing.

The idea, he said, is to position Canada as a more competitive force in the global economy and to confront the pressures of an aging population.

"In the months to come, our government will undertake major transformations to position Canada for growth over the next generation," Harper said in an ad-



► Stephen Harper talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron at pub in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday.

dress to several dozen of the 2,600 forum delegates.

Despite the immediate audience, the speech was aimed as much at voters back home as it was at international business and political leaders.

The prime minister also reiterated a commitment to

streamline environmental approvals for major energy projects.

He chided wealthy countries for being too complacent about ringing up debt that they cannot afford.

Harper said his government has worked to keep financial disorder out of

Canada and is stepping up efforts to set the country on the right track for coming decades.

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My resolution this New Year's Eve was to be less cynical. Oh well, four weeks still beats last year's record.

1 Research in (slow) Motion: RIM appointed a new CEO in an attempt to revive dying BlackBerry's in a world of iPhones and Androids. His name is Thorsten Heins, but he may as well be Thurston Howell III, because all the money in the world ain't getting him off that island.

2 Muddled Voyage: The man that drove his car through the Waterloo, Ont., police station last November was apparently sentenced to a year of community service ... as captain of a cruise ship. Oops!

3 Political Hubris: Stephen Harper finally met with delegates at the World Economic Forum this week. He rebuked European leaders for being fiscally irresponsible, and cited Canada as the role model. He referenced our medicare system which, in hard times, assures Canadians the same unsatisfactory services they've come to expect, at no additional cost.

4 Idol Setback: American Idol is back for its 11th season, and the first individual voted off is Steven Tyler for his rendition of The Star Spangled Banner.

5 Sexy Spinsters: Ladies, if you are unattached, attractive, and believe in love at first sight with a stranger who will also be dating 25 other women on national TV, then I've got great news — The Bachelor is coming to Canada! The not-so-great news is that you are probably desperate and have low self-esteem. But good luck!

6 Love on the Rocks: Another celebrity breakup hit the news wire this week as German model Heidi Klum is divorcing R&B singer Seal. My immediate reaction to the news was, "Those two were married?"

7 Spoiler Alert: Academy Award nominees were unveiled this week, and I want to prepare for my Oscar pool by identifying this year's pretentiously touted film that no one actually wants to watch, à la English Patient or King's Speech, and bet on that.

8 Ice Dreams: Bruins goalie Tim Thomas ignited controversy by refusing to join the NHL champs who were invited to appear at the White House this week. Thomas stated that he had become disillusioned with the government, whose actions over the past few years, he feels, have been counter-constitutional. On the other hand, he still blames his parents for never providing figure-skating lessons.

9 God Save the School: Dr. Alisun Pawley, a musicologist from the University of York in England, concluded in a recent study that the Canadian national anthem was not very "sing-along-able." My first question is, "Who funded this study, and why?" Second question is, "Should a university professor be using a word like 'sing-along-able'?"

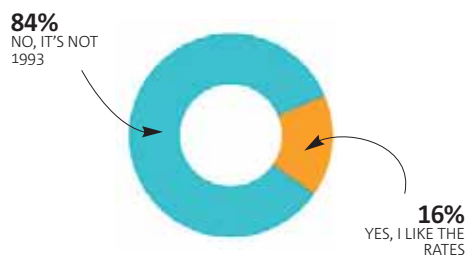
10 American Delusions: The U.S. prez showed us once again that "Campaign Obama" is far better at his job than "President Obama." His "America's back" speech was shrewdly more feeling than fact. If the country were a business, I'd suspect he was getting ready to sell to China, but that's just silly ... or is it?

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat



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Local tweets



► **@Tygerlylly:** Is it just me or is Tim Horton's coffee tasting

weaker these days in #Halifax?

► **@calvinpembroke:** People are walking around Halifax wearing shorts and t-shirts. I don't blame them. GetAt-MeGlobalWarming

► **@redteamleader:** Sunny Thursday! I hear rumors this won't last - #Halifax, what's up with the Friday snowstorms? Is this a thing here or what?

► **@_alliescott:** 5-10 centimeters of snow tomorrow? #Halifax better start plow-

ing right now in light of last week's major plowing fail #GetItTogether

► **@yassineouhila:** Cops with radars once again hiding in the bushes on woodland ave. #Dartmouth #Halifax #quotas

► **@PDanbo:** Breaking news: Halifax police pulled over a man in a motorized wheelchair on Portland street. Suspected drug trafficking.

► **@CherylStewart:** This #Halifax politics stuff just keeps getting better. I hope every voter is adding up all of the mess. Its time for a change HRM!!!!

Daily Zoom



Shinier 'Blue Marble'

New image of Earth captured

SNAP. It's our blue planet, like we've never seen before. Nasa's latest "Blue Marble" photograph is the most high-resolution image of Earth ever captured. This picture was taken on Jan. 4 from Suomi NPP, Nasa's most recently launched Earth-observing satellite, the first in a new series of such devices. ● MWNN

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kilometres — the distance above Earth this photograph was taken. This new high-resolution image displays about 1.6 kilometres per pixel.

Satellite facts

- **Composite image:** Created from four orbits of the Earth's surface.
- **Worth lots of numbers:** Suomi NPP weighs 2,041 kgs, carries five instruments, and orbits the Earth about 14 times each day.
- **'For weather forecasting':** Collects data on clouds, atmosphere and oceans.

First photo was upside down

HISTORY. The original "Blue Marble" photo was taken by the Apollo 17 crew on Dec. 7, 1972, from a distance of about 45,000 kilometres. It was the first opportunity to photograph the south polar ice cap. It was originally taken upside down due to the way the astronauts were then travelling. ● MWNN

Synopsis

Liam Neeson plays John Ottway, a sharpshooter hired to keep predatory wolves out of an oil station in the remotest part of Alaska. He becomes the leader of a ragtag group of survivors when the plane transporting them to their oil job crashes in the wilderness. Hunted by wolves and exposed to the elements, Ottway's know-how is the only thing between freezing to death or, worse, becoming the big bad wolf's dinner.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●●
Chris: ●●●●●



► Liam Neeson tapes busted bottles to his knuckles in a showdown with some man-eating wolves.

Reel Guys

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Big, bad wolves

► The Grey's characters bring lyricism to the man-versus-nature genre
► Chris Alexander joins Richard Crouse this week to review Liam Neeson's latest

Richard: Chris, the thing that separates The Grey from other man-versus-nature movies is the characters. At first glance they are the usual assortment of rough and ready characters: the edgy chatterbox, the ex-con. But soon nuances appear. They shed tears and even recite poetry when not fighting off steely-eyed wolves. Most action movies are only concerned about setting up the action and the payoff. The Grey isn't. It wants you to get to know the men so when something awful happens to them, you care.

Chris: That's what I found so disarming about the picture, that lyricism. The

trailer certainly leads you to believe that it's all about Neeson suiting up with busted bottle fingertips, growling and boxing toothy timber-wolves. And while we DO get that, its strength is that tapestry of characters and how instead of becoming more savage as their situation becomes more desperate, they become more human. This is as much Hemingway as it is horror show. Speaking of horror ... what did you think about those wolves? Did you buy it?

RC: For me the wolves were the least interesting part of the movie. They make for cunning foes, but Neeson's Wolf Whisperer character

defanged some of the horror because he understood and was able to explain their behaviour. A dose of unpredictability might have been scarier for me. Having said that, I still wouldn't want to meet up with any of the movie's wolves, no matter how much CGI was involved.

CA: Ahhhh...I loved them. Of course, they are not based in reality by any stretch. But that's OK, neither was Bruce the Shark in Jaws. The wolves are death itself, stalking the men, toying with them, picking them off randomly and without warning in novel and gruesome ways. On that tip, The Grey is kind of

the spiritual sister to the Final Destination films. OK, that may be a stretch, but the wolves and their almost supernatural presence really do push the film into an almost surreal area that I liked. And I'd be willing to bet some viewers won't like them for that very reason...

RC: The wolves, I guess, are the film's hook, but for me it's all about the characters. Come for the wolves! Stay for the characters!

CA: Well, whether it be wolves, sensitive manly men or a glimpse into the snowy hell that we've mercifully been spared this year, The Grey is spectacular entertainment.

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Scene in brief

Potential Oscar winners will now be a click away from winning a trophy. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Wednesday it has partnered with a company to develop an electronic voting system for next year's Academy Awards. Voting in the past has been compiled through paper ballots sent through the mail.

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One for the Money

Genre: Action/Comedy
Director: Julie Anne Robinson

Stars: Katherine Heigl, Jason O'Mara

Based on Janet Evanovich's popular Stephanie Plum novels, *One for the Money* casts Katherine Heigl as an unemployed Jersey girl who desperately takes a job as a bounty hunter, which soon finds her tracking down a former lover. If that premise sounds overworked, wait until you witness the farcical characters, clunky dialogue and droll plotline that structure this threadbare action comedy.

Evanovich fans may be curious but Julie Anne Robinson's (Grey's Anatomy) adaptation, but it never really comes together.

 STEVE GOW

Man on a Ledge

Genre: Thriller

Director: Asger Leth

Stars: Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks

An effectively simple premise is ruined by endless convolutions in *Man on a Ledge*, which casts



Sam Worthington as an ex-con who has mysteriously and perilously planted himself on the wrong side of a Manhattan hotel penthouse. Elizabeth Banks is good as the police psychologist assigned to talk him down, but Asger Leth's stilted,

uneven direction fails to effectively balance their tête-à-tête against the heist-movie machinations that take over in the second half and consign Man on Ledge to forgettable thriller-of-the-week territory.

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All about Ethel

► Rory Kennedy puts the spotlight on her mother

Ethel Kennedy prefers coming to the Sundance Film Festival when she's not the star of a movie.

She has been to Sundance in the past to see films by her daughter, documentary filmmaker Rory Kennedy. This time, the widow of U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy is the focus of her daughter's film, the Sundance premiere *Ethel*.

Ethel Kennedy said she

likes it better coming to Sundance "just to see Rory's films."

Though initially reluctant when her daughter proposed the documentary, Ethel Kennedy opens up on screen with candid recollections about the family, including falling in love at first sight with her future husband on a ski trip to Canada. "He was standing in front of an open fire-

place," she said in an interview. "I walked in the door and turned and saw him, and I thought, Whoa."

In the film, Ethel Kennedy discusses campaigning for her husband and his brother, President John F. Kennedy, the similarities and differences between her family and the Kennedy clan, and raising 11 children after her husband's assassination in



► Rory Kennedy, left, pictured here with her mother, Ethel.

1968. In *Ethel*, airing later this year on HBO, Rory Kennedy coaxes sweet, sad and funny anecdotes out of her mother and her sib-

lings. In front of her daughter's camera, Ethel Kennedy is unable to discuss the grief over her husband's death. "When we

lost Daddy ..." she begins, then tears up and tells her daughter, "Talk about something else."

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Drew's Big Miracle

► Drew Barrymore learns that a few whales can get stakeholders to put their agendas aside for a little while

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Maybe this won't come as a surprise to many, but Drew Barrymore found it pretty easy to get into the mind of the Greenpeace crusader she plays in *Big Miracle*. "I spent a lot of time — a lot of time — with Cindy Lowery, the woman I play in the film," Barrymore says of her preparation for the part. (The character on screen goes by the name Rachel Kramer, though.) "And she's just rad and a total badass and super-cool and fun, and we really actually connected, which is the way you hope it will be, but maybe it will and maybe it won't. But we were like two peas in a pod. It was great."

Big Miracle tells a true tale about all types of peo-

ple — feuding news anchors, Inuit natives, oil tycoons, even the Russian navy — coming together to help three gray whales trapped under the arctic ice off northern Alaska, cutting off their migration and threatening their lives. It wasn't just the natural drama of the story but also the amazing camaraderie involved in the rescue that attracted Barrymore to the project. "I just think seeing this story and living in it, you just appreciate that everybody put their agendas aside for a second to work on the same thing, and it's sort of peeling away the layers," she says. "I liked when I got to say to [Ted Danson's oil executive] character in the film, 'You're not as hard to hate as I thought.' I just liked that moment and thought what it would be like if you

actually were stuck and got to know the people that you thought you were so different from."

While the Greenpeace crusader Barrymore plays in the film starts off shouting through a megaphone at a city council meeting, she doesn't want *Big Miracle* to have that level of preachiness. The goal, she says, was "making it personal rather than, like, soapbox-y — which I hope this film achieves or is good at. It's amazing how it touches on so many things that could be different today if they were different back then, but it doesn't do it in like a preachy, in-your-face kind of way. So I think the more you do speak from the heart rather than thumping the agenda... I just think that that's where people listen."



► In *Big Miracle*, Drew Barrymore plays a Greenpeace crusader trying to save three gray whales.

Not getting jaded

► Starting in entertainment as an infant, Drew Barrymore has had a long Hollywood career, considering she's only 36. And while

she's found tremendous success in adulthood, the actress, writer, director and producer finds that the tough times are the key to keeping herself grounded. "I mean, it's just a choice, I suppose," she says of not taking success for granted.

"I've also experienced in life that it really can all go away, so that was a wonderful thing to experience because then you really do appreciate what you have. So I've experienced a bit of both, which is really such a blessing."

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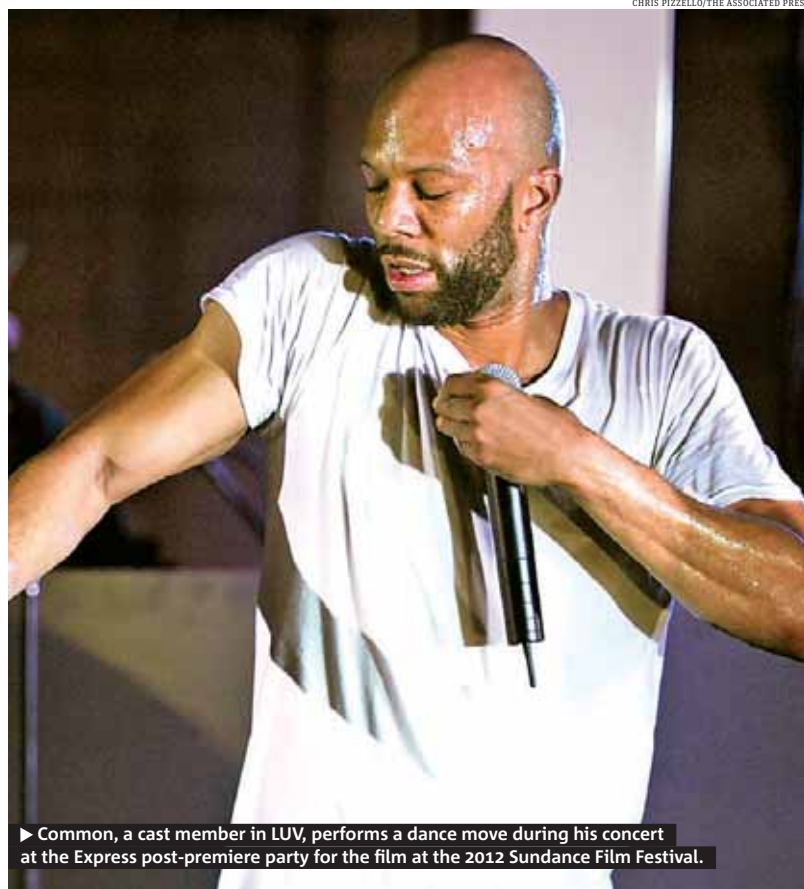


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► Common, a cast member in LUV, performs a dance move during his concert at the Express post-premiere party for the film at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival.

Common explains his Drake rap feud

► Common says there is nothing left to say on the brief battle ► Despite that, he has made another track

The Sundance Film Festival became the unlikely centre of hip hop's latest feud when actor-turned-rapper Drake and rapper-turned-actor Common came to town.

Common was promoting his role in upcoming family drama LUV, while Drake was performing at one of the many late-night parties.

The two have traded insults recently via their raps, but Common said he didn't want to say anything else about Drake not in rhyme form.

"I feel like I said everything I really needed to say on the record. I just looked at it as like 'Hey, it's just a hip hop battle,'" he explained in an interview this week. "The time to talk is on record as far as I'm concerned. If we in the ring, then we just handle

"The time to talk is on record as far as I'm concerned. If we in the ring, then we just handle our business in the ring."

COMMON

our business in the ring."

Common had the most recent entry into the battle, by adding his verse to a Rick Ross song and naming Drake directly — a move that the Chicago native said he felt obligated to make.

"Ice Cube, when he was going at N.W.A., once he left N.W.A., you knew who it was. Jay-Z and Nas — Jay-Z said, 'Smarten up, Nas.' And you just knew. Cats

would say names," he continued.

"So that's just the way that I feel like you've got to do it. I don't want to leave anything — I don't want anybody else to think I'm talking about them. I want you to know, 'Hey this is who I'm talking to.'"

Common, known more lately for his acting than his rapping, started the battle with a song called Sweet on his new album, The Dreamer/The Believer.

"He (Drake) felt offended by it. And the song is really discussing how hip hop has a softer side," said Common.

"And I made it clear that I'm not talking about anyone specifically. For me it was no different than when Jay-Z addressed with DOA, he was talking about Auto-Tune."

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It used to be that the length of a song was limited by the maximum capacity of the recording media.

With 78s, you couldn't have a track much more than four minutes. To get six on a 45 was pushing it. An LP? Probably maxed out at around 24 minutes. Cassettes could be pushed to 60 minutes. A CD starts to get cranky after 75 minutes.

But in the world of electronic media, there's no limit to how long a recording can be. Naturally, some people are interested in exploring the limits of this.

Chris Butler, the composer who wrote Christmas Wrapping for the Waitresses, had his 68 minute, 500-verse song The Devil Glitch nominated for a Grammy in 1998. He's since expanded it to two hours and 53 minutes



► Wayne Coyne of the Flaming Lips

and renamed it The Major Glitch.

Not content with releasing a six hour song called I Found This Star on the Ground, The Flaming Lips issued the 24-hour-long 7 Skies H3 on a USB key set inside a real human skull. They sold all 13 copies for \$5,000 each.

But then we come to Daniel Starr-Tambor, who has written a piece called Mandala. It's complicated, but it involves in assigning each planet in the solar system a music note and harnessing the rhythmic elements of our corner of the universe. From there, it gets complicated.

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'Happy Valentine's! Love, Jon Hamm'

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The minute those Christmas decorations come down, inevitably the Valentine's Day hearts and cupids go up. Singletons surely

dread it, but there's a way to cheer up them and/or the Mad Men fetishist in your life.

JD Beebe designed the Hamm-o-gram "to make anyone lonely on Valentine's Day forget about their moody blues."

For five dollars, you can have a personalized card — not an e-card — picturing Mad Men star Jon Hamm, mailed to a soon-to-be deliriously grateful recipient.

And guess what? Not only will you be bringing the

joy of hot Hamm to others, you'll also be donating to charity.

Beebe explains: "I came up with the idea easily enough — Jon Hamm rhymes with gram (brilliant I know) — but I do like my silly projects to do some

good. In an effort to be philanthropic and not get sued by the Hamm brigade, I chose A Caring Hand (for bereaved children and families) as a charity partner.

This was simply because Mr. Hamm actually lost his parents at a young age, and since I couldn't find any charities that he himself donated to I wanted to make it personal enough that he might see the good in it."

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Say it ain't so, Demi

► Actress' trip to hospital caused by inhalant, according to report

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This is a hard one to really believe: The substance that reportedly put Demi Moore in the hospital was nitrous oxide, a gas most commonly used in dentist's offices and whipped cream cans that is also popular on the concert tailgating scene, according to TMZ.

A friend of Moore's reportedly called 911 after the actress had an adverse reaction to a "whippet," a small canister of nitrous

oxide that can be inhaled. But friends say the most recent incident — which landed Moore in rehab — was just the latest in a long downward slide.

"Really, it was over the last year her friends saw a change," the source tells People magazine.

"She wasn't sleeping as well, didn't seem to be eating and looked really gaunt."

Whatever it was, Moore was released from the hospital yesterday.

There's no word on her next steps. But let's hope she'll take better care of herself — and will stay clear from any Disco Biscuit concerts in the near future.



► Demi Moore

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Celebrity tweets



I was reading an Evelyn

Waugh book, looked up and said to myself, "why doesn't anyone talk like this anymore"



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Hire all first-time actors, shoot it on iPhone in one room and hire someone cheaper than me to direct.

@MiaFarrow



Setting up dream. I'll be a Navy Seal rescuing captives in umm maybe Somalia. Bad guys'll never know what hit them.

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I'm a big fan of our President. He's rad.

Oprah a godmother to Blue Ivy Carter?

Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z have reportedly decided they want Oprah Winfrey to be their newborn daughter's godmother, according to Media Takeout.

A source close to the couple says they wanted to give the ho-

nour to someone not already related to one-month-old Blue Ivy Carter, ruling out Beyoncé's sister, Solange Knowles.

As for the little girl's godfather, the new parents have reportedly asked Jay-Z's best friend, Tyran "Ty Ty" Smith.

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Oprah Winfrey

Can I get a 'D' for drunk?

There's a reason Pat Sajak and Vanna White were able to act excited every time a correct letter was guessed on The Wheel of Fortune — They were sloshed.

On ESPN's Dan Le Batard is Highly Questionable radio show Tuesday, Sajak told the host that back in the '80s, he and Vanna would down margaritas between shows and then stumble back to the set.

"Vanna and I would ... have two or three or six and then come and do the last shows and have trouble recognizing the alphabet.



► Wheel of Fortune host Pat Sajak

They're really good tapes to get a hold of. I had a great time," Sajak said.

"I have no idea if the shows were any good, but no one said anything, so I

guess I did OK."

But rest assured. Now that he's been hosting for more than 30 years (and is 65 years old) he's not on the sauce while handing out cars and cash prizes.

"I would be hesitant to have anything to drink now," he said.

So, now that we understand how Pat and Vanna got through the drudgery that was daily game show hosting back in the day, does anyone else wonder what Alex Trebek is on? Whippets? Or is that just Demi Moore's game?



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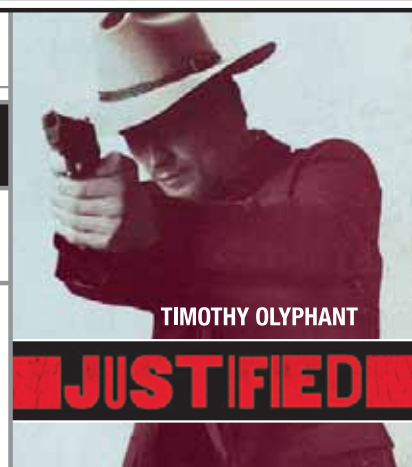
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Though no slouch in the unique grape varieties or colourful winemaking characters departments, South African wines still get the short end of the corkscrew from consumers.

Some of it is South Africa's fault (it never put forward a public personality for its wines) and some is Canadian wine buyers' fault (who talk a good game about wanting wines with personality then turn their noses up at anything that isn't from mass market).

The vineyards around Cape Town are arguably the most beautiful in the world, producing classically South African fruit in the form of chenin blanc and pinotage as well as familiar grapes like shiraz and sauvignon blanc.

If you're intrigued but still scared of drinking outside your comfort zone, South Africa is the new home of the most popular white grape on the liquor landscape: Pinot Grigio.

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This recipe is a dinnertime favourite at many tables. However, it is one for which some people use a can of soup. By making your own pan sauce, you help to reduce sodium and create flavour that is still big.

Mushroom Gravy
Chicken Preparation:

1 In small bowl combine Italian herb seasoning, dried basil, black and hot pepper; set aside. Slice chicken breasts in half horizontally to get 4 pieces. Sprinkle herb mixture evenly on both sides of chicken.

2 In large nonstick skillet heat oil over medium high heat and brown breasts on both sides for about 5 minutes and remove to plate. Add onion, mushrooms and thyme and cook, stirring for about 10 minutes or until softened and gold-

Mushroom
Gravy
Chicken

► This recipe serves four.

en. Sprinkle with flour and cook, stirring for 30 seconds. Pour in stock and bring to the boil, stirring. Return chicken to the skillet and simmer, turning occasionally for about 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF.**

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Ingredients:

- 1 tsp (5 mL) Italian herb seasoning
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried basil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- Pinch hot pepper flakes
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 lb/450 g)
- 2 tsp (10 mL) extra virgin

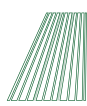
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- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 lb (500 g) cremini mushrooms, sliced
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Stock your fridge with some of these handy ingredients to whip up a tasty meal.

If you can't find bulk sausage meat then simply remove the meat from the casings.

Preparation:

1 In large pot of boiling salted water, cook the penne pasta for about 8 minutes or until it is tender but firm. Drain the pasta reserving 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the cooking water, and set aside.

2 In a large sauté pan set over medium-high, brown the sausage meat and onion for about 10 minutes or until the sausage is cooked through. As it cooks, use a wooden spoon to break up the meat into bite-size chunks. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and

arugula, then toss everything well. Add the pasta and toss until heated through and the arugula just begins to wilt.

3 Add half of the cheese and a splash of the reserved pasta cooking water to moisten. Toss well, adding more water if desired to create a sauce. Serve topped with the remaining cheese. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**



► This recipe serves four.

Ingredients:

- 340 g (12 oz) penne pasta
- 500 g (1 pound) spicy Italian sausage meat

- 1 large onion, diced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 1 pkg (140 g/5-oz) baby

- arugula
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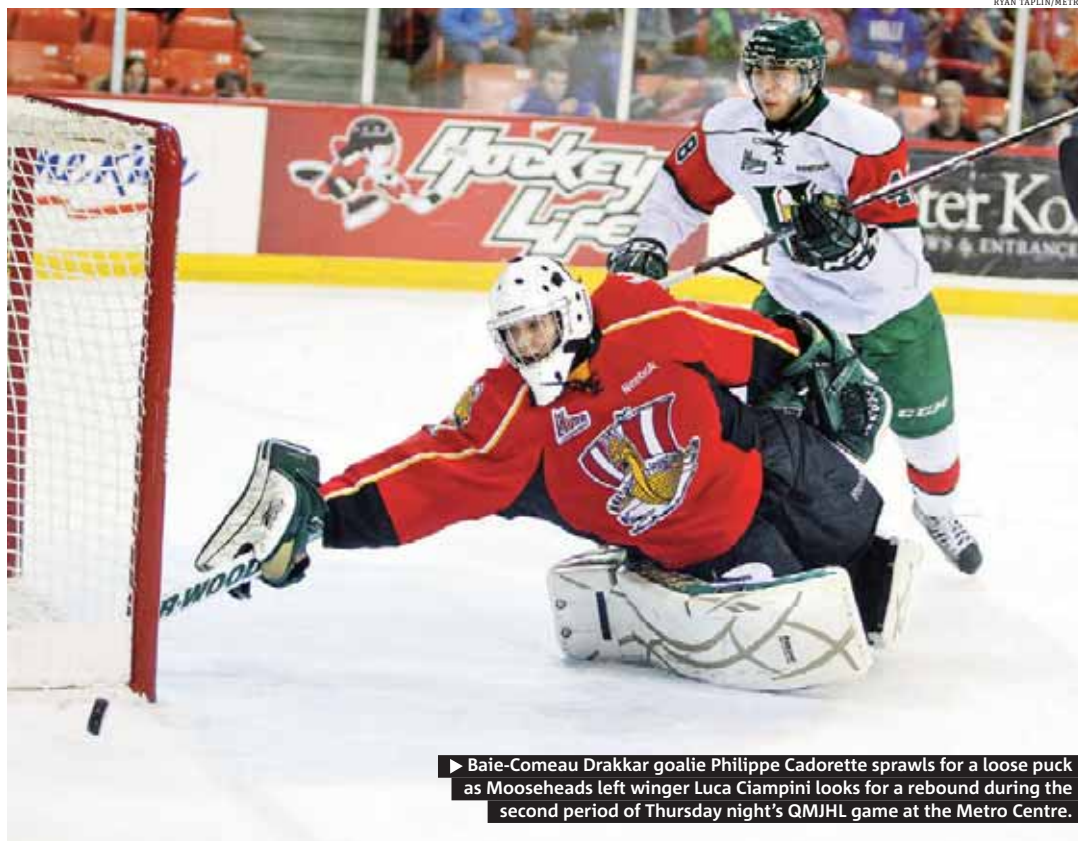
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'Best performance of the new year' for Herd

► Mooseheads improve to 27-16-4, sixth overall in QMJHL ► Head to Rimouski for important game with seventh-place Oceanic on Sunday



► Baie-Comeau Drakkar goalie Philippe Cadorette sprawls for a loose puck as Mooseheads left winger Luca Ciampini looks for a rebound during the second period of Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre.



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It took 25 days to put it together, but the Halifax Mooseheads finally have an effort they're proud of in 2012.

The Mooseheads, who had lost five of seven games in the new year, shook off the difficult stretch by turning in a near-perfect home game on Thursday with a 3-1 win over the Baie-Comeau Drakkar before a crowd of 5,258 at the Metro Centre.

After the coaching staff delivered its post-game remarks, loud applause could be heard outside the dressing room as the players congratulated themselves on a job well done.

"I thought tonight was our best performance of the new year," said Darcy Ashley, the first star with a

goal and an assist. "We're happy with the way we played, and now we've got to keep moving forward and get a string of wins going."

Ashley scored early in the second to put Halifax up 1-0 and Martin Frk and Nathan MacKinnon gave the Mooseheads a three-goal cushion in the third, both scoring on great

shots off cross-ice feeds.

Jonathan Lessard got one back for the Drakkar off a turnover midway through the frame, but the Mooseheads — who had a 32-22 edge in shots — killed off a late penalty and held on for the win.

"Ever since Christmas, it's been up and down — a lot of downs," said Mooseheads winger Andrew

Ryan. "This win tonight is against a good team and there's a lot of confidence in the room."

After losses to Cape Breton and Saint John last weekend, the coaching staff was dissatisfied with team chemistry and organized an NHL12 PlayStation 3 tournament on Monday in an attempt to improve it. Rookie captains selected six teams and an all-day video-game marathon ensued.

The winner has yet to be decided because the tournament took longer than expected, but it's already served its purpose.

"The coaches knew we were gripping our hockey sticks too tight, and sometimes you need to loosen up, hang out with the boys and play some PlayStation," Ashley said. "It was a lot of fun and a lot of laughs."

CONCUSSION

'Blindside' hit puts Hardie on sidelines

The Mooseheads lost rookie defenceman Austyn Hardie on his first shift on Thursday

to a concussion according to head coach Dominique Ducharme. Ducharme said Hardie "got hit from the blind side" but that he didn't see it happen.

Concussion protocol dictates Hardie will miss a minimum of seven days. Winger Travis Randell filled in on defence for the rest of the game. ● METRO

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► Heather Smith-Dacey

Smith-Dacey locked in at Scotties

Defending champion Heather Smith-Dacey is running the table at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts at CFB Halifax Curling Club.

Dacey, who curls out of the host club, is the lone undefeated skip at the Nova Scotia women's championship after scoring three in the 10th end to squeak past Mayflower's Mary Mattatall 9-8 on Thursday night.

Dacey, with third Danielle Parsons, second Blisse Comstock and lead Teri Lake, also thumped Glooscap's Jocelyn Nix 8-2 in the afternoon.

Mattatall was the only other undefeated skip before falling to Smith-Dacey.

Action continues throughout the weekend with the final on Sunday at 3 p.m. ● METRO

Scotties

STANDINGS

	W	L
HEATHER SMITH-DACEY	4	0
MARY MATTATALL	3	1
MARY-ANNE ARSENAULT	3	1
COLLEEN PINKNEY	2	2
CORALIE DUCHEMIN	2	2
JOCELYN NIX	1	3
KELLY MACINTOSH	1	3
SARAH RHYNO	0	4

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

- 1 p.m. — Rhyno vs. Nix, Pinkney vs. Arsenault, MacIntosh vs. Smith-Dacey, Mattatall vs. Duchemin
- 7 p.m. — Smith-Dacey vs. Pinkney, Nix vs. Mattatall, Duchemin vs. Rhyno, MacIntosh vs. Arsenault

Saturday

- 9 a.m. — Mattatall vs. Rhyno, MacIntosh vs. Pinkney, Smith-Dacey vs. Arsenault, Duchemin vs. Nix
- 2 p.m. — Tiebreaker (if necessary)
- 7 p.m. — Tiebreaker or semifinal (if necessary)
- Sunday
- 9 a.m. — Semifinal (if necessary)
- 3 p.m. — Championship

Rainmen sunk by the Storm

► Halifax still two games behind first-place London despite loss in Summerside ► Host the NBL Canada's top squad Friday and Storm on Saturday, both at 7 p.m.



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On the eve of a showdown between the top two teams in the National Basketball League of Canada, both suffered shocking upset losses.

The last-place Moncton Miracles knocked off the first-place London Lightning 98-91 at Moncton Coliseum, while in Prince Edward Island, the fifth-place Summerside Storm took down the second-place Halifax Rainmen, 112-102.

"Hey, if you don't come to play, if you start looking past teams, you can be beaten in this league," said Rainmen owner/general manager Andre Levingston. "P.E.I., give credit to them, they came to play. And the same thing Moncton ... They caught London off-guard tonight. You have to give credit where credit's due — there are some good basketball teams in this league."

The Lightning (19-6) and Rainmen (16-7) clash at the Metro Centre on Friday at 7 p.m. The Lightning have dominated the first four games of the six-game season series, winning all of them by an average margin of 13 points.

But the Rainmen host the final two on home court, and plan to make the most of it.

"I think it's going to be good — it's another test for



► Rainmen point guard Taliek Brown drives past the Summerside Storm's Mike Williams for a reverse layup during Thursday's game in Prince Edward Island.

us," said Rainmen forward Tyrone Levett. "They did what they were supposed to do and won at home, and now it's time for us to do our job at home. London is a team we need to pick up a win against and we need to be ready to play."

The Rainmen also host the Storm on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Game stats

The Rainmen's top performers on Thursday:

- Tyrone Levett, 18 points, nine rebounds
- Taliek Brown, 17 points, eight assists
- Chris Hagan, 13 points
- Lawrence Wright, 12 points

NFL

Manning's comments irk Irsay

Jim Irsay expects Peyton Manning to keep his complaints to himself. Or at least within the confines of the Colts' team complex.

Shortly after introduc-

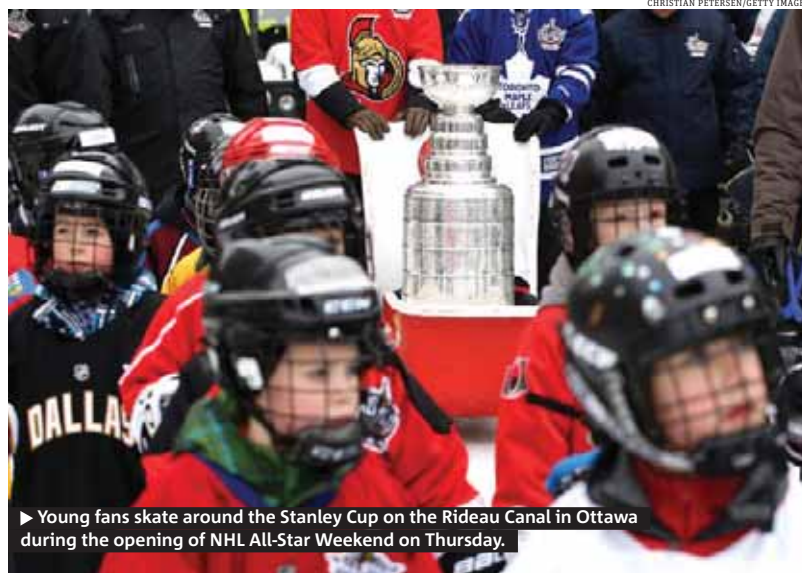
ing Chuck Pagano as Indianapolis' new coach on Thursday, the Colts' owner responded to comments Manning made to the Indianapolis Star by referring to the QB as a "politician."

"I think one thing he's always known, because he's been around it so long, is that, you know, you keep it in the family," Irsay said. "If you've got a problem you talk to each other, it's not about campaigning."

Manning's comments in Tuesday's Star said people were nervous at team headquarters after the off-season firings of vice chairman Bill Polian, GM Chris Polian and coach Jim Caldwell.

Some considered Manning's comments as a sign that he is unhappy and that he could be playing in another city next season if he returns from his third neck surgery.

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► Young fans skate around the Stanley Cup on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa during the opening of NHL All-Star Weekend on Thursday.

All-star captains stick with what they know

Rowdy bunch

The pro-Ottawa crowd wasn't shy Thursday, chanting "Alfie" and "Leafs Suck" in the leadup to the first pick.

Captain Zdeno Chara picked Detroit forward Pavel Datsyuk first overall and then turned to Bruins teammate Tim Thomas in goal in the NHL all-star fantasy draft Thursday night.

Rival skipper Daniel Alfredsson chose his fellow Senators in the early going.

The Ottawa captain, who lost the puck flip to pick first, chose Senators defenceman Erik Karlsson second and Jason Spezza fourth overall. He took Ottawa forward Milan Michalek with the 24th pick.

Chara also stayed at home with the third pick, taking Thomas. He rescued Bruins forward Tyler Seguin with the 35th selec-

tion

Leafs sniper Phil Kessel, the last man picked in the inaugural draft last year, went 15th overall to Team Chara.

The last man standing this year was San Jose forward Logan Couture, who had earlier tweeted: "Is it me or is it getting hotter back here after every pick?"

Couture went to Team Alfredsson by default as the 38th player taken.

"It's awesome to be

here," he said.

Couture got a Honda Accord Crosstour for his troubles. The NHL and NHL Player's Association also donated \$10,000 each to a charity of his choice.

It came down to a final four of Seguin, Buffalo's Jason Pominville, Dallas' Jamie Benn, and Couture.

Chara ignored players from the rival Canucks, but was quick to welcome Thomas into the fold.

The star goalie has been in the media spotlight this week, after opting not to join the Bruins in a visit to the White House, citing political objections.

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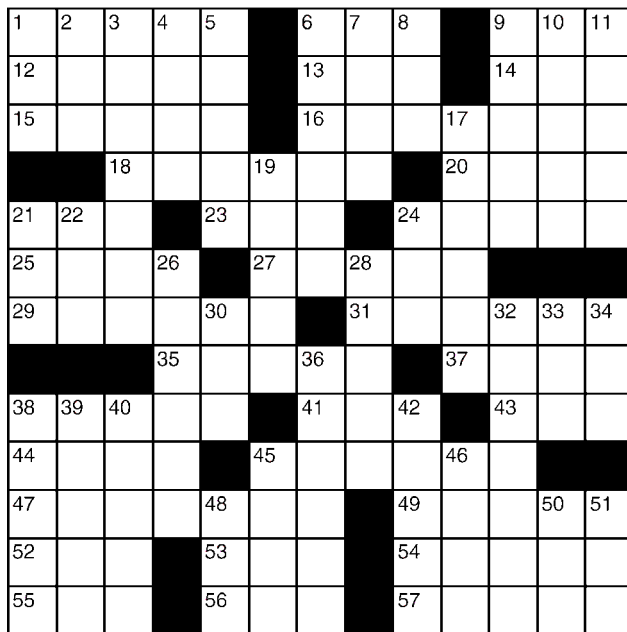
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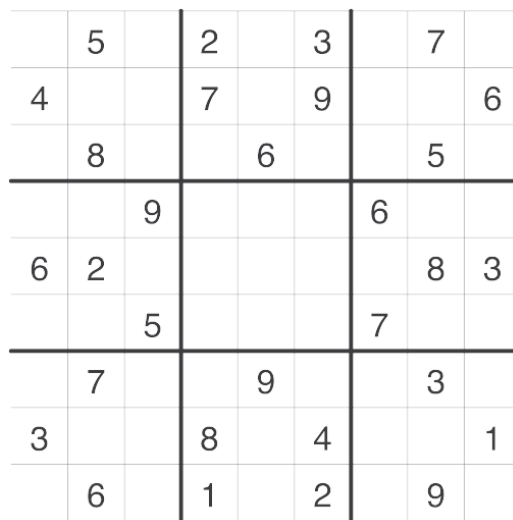


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► Yesterday's answer

5	6	7	2	8	4	3	1	9
8	9	1	3	6	5	4	2	7
2	4	3	1	9	7	6	8	5
7	3	9	4	1	2	8	5	6
6	1	5	8	7	3	9	4	2
4	8	2	9	5	6	1	7	3
9	2	6	7	4	1	5	3	8
1	7	8	5	3	9	2	6	4
3	5	4	6	2	8	7	9	1

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You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, at metronews.ca/kiss.

*My Sweet Baby L,
We have rode this love
rollercoaster for 5 years. You
are the most talented and
beautiful woman and my
everything. I will spend the
rest of my life showing you
how much I love you, and
let this be my testament.
Love is the house we built
together, please don't let me
stand in the cold.*

YOUR LOVING DARK GUITAR

*My moon pie
I love when we have our
cheesecake nites together.
Next Tim Im going to find
something new to shove
down your fat pie hole! x-x)*

*my everything
To the beautifulst girl in the
world, I found true love
when i met you, even at 14 i
knew this, after all these
years, my heart still skips a
beat when your near, i love
you more than ever, and al-
ways will, lets grow old to-
gether.. love you*

YOUR CHOC CHUNKY LOVER

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

An affair of the heart could get interesting over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Look and act confident wherever you go and whatever you do. If your rivals detect anxiety, they will find ways to play on your fears.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

As Mercury, your ruler, changes signs today, your head will be full of big ideas. Focus on the ones most likely to make you money.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Get your financial house in order and cut back on activities that waste both time and money.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

It may seem as if you're dancing to someone else's tune but you're always free to make the decisions.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

The more others say you're aiming for the impossible, the more driven you are to prove them wrong.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Start something that gets you noticed. If you can put a name to your dream, you can live it too.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Sacrifices will have to be made, especially on the home front where loved ones just can't seem to get things right on their own.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Let others know how you think and feel today. Spell it out for them in plain and simple language.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

There is a chance you will come into money over the next few days.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Put your needs first and don't feel guilty if you do better than others. It's not that you've been lucky, it's that you've planned ahead.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

There are ways you can make life easier for yourself. The most obvious is to stop taking certain things so seriously. **● SALLY BROMPTON**

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